

REMARKS

A Preliminary Amendment was filed on October 30, 2003 which was not acknowledged by the Examiner. Since many of the objections noted by the Examiner in the above referenced Office Action were corrected in the Preliminary Amendment, it is assumed that the Preliminary Amendment has not been made 'of record' before the Office Action was mailed. The Applicant requests that Preliminary Amendment now be made 'of record'. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is now enclosed.

1. Amendment to the Abstract:

The Examiner objected to the original Abstract as including legal phrasology and not sufficiently clear and consist. In response, the replacement Abstract is now submitted.

2. Amendment of the Claims:

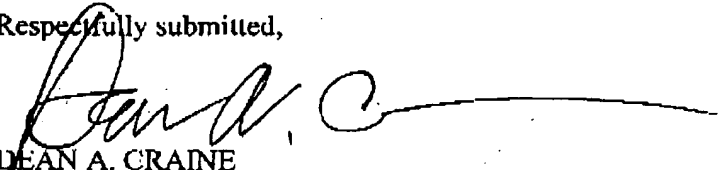
In the Office Action, the Examiner discovered several Section 112, second paragraph errors in Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16. The corrections to Claims 1 and 2 made in the Preliminary Amendment address the Section 112 errors noted by the Examiner. The corrections to Claim 7, 10, 11, 15, and 16 address the objections noted by the Examiner and not corrected in the Preliminary Amendment. No new matter is being introduced by these corrections.

3. Amendment of Specification:

Errors were found on pages 3 and 4 which were corrected in the Preliminary Amendment. Please enter these corrections into the record.

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